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1. A video conference station comprising:  
a monitor;  
means connected to said monitor for displaying one of more video images from one or more remotely located conferees;  
a housing within which said monitor is contained;  
at least one lighting means contained within said housing, said lighting means being activatable by a user when a video conference is occurring and being arranged to illuminate a user of said video conference station;  
keypad means for facilitating entry of information by a user for arranging, exiting, and changing parameters of a video conference;  
audio means for conveying an audio signal from one or more conferees;  
camera means mounted within said housing and directed toward a user of said video conference station;  
and,  
payment means for activating said monitor, said audio means, said lighting means said camera and said keypad means upon the entry of payment.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein said payment means is a credit card reading device.
3. The system of claim 1 wherein said monitor comprises means for displaying plural images, one from each of the plurality of other conferees.
4. The system of claim 2 wherein said lighting means are disposed below said monitor.
5. The system of claim 4 wherein said monitor is connected to a data network server by

means of a telephone line.

6. The system of claim 4 wherein said monitor is connected to said data network server by a data connection.

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7. A video conference station for use in a video conferencing system comprising an outer casing; display means, lighting means, and a video camera, all being mounted within said outer casing, said video camera and said lighting means being directed toward the same area, said display means being viewable from said same area; and, activating means for activating said display means, said lighting means, a said video camera upon request by a user.

8. The video conference station of claim 7 further comprising keypad means for entering data.

9. The video conference station of claim 8 wherein said keypad means comprises means for generating DTMF tones.

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10. The video conference station of claim 9 further comprising payment means for accepting a credit card and wherein said activating means only operates in response to payment received by said payment means.

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